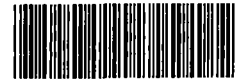




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Mr. Greyson Franklin  
U.S. EPA, Region III  
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1650 Arch Street (Mail Code 3HS13)  
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Dear Mr. Franklin:

SUBJECT: NAVAL AIR STATION (NAS) OCEANA, CONSENT ORDER; NOTICE  
OF NEWLY DISCOVERED CONTAMINATION

High concentrations of lead have been discovered in subsurface soil underlying the access road to Oceana Salvage, Inc., an auto salvage yard located east of NAS Oceana. Preliminary test results indicate the presence of lead, i.e., 31,400 mg/kg and 149,000 mg/kg at two to three feet below ground surface, exceeding screening toxicity values (residential and industrial). The enclosed technical memorandum provides a summary of the survey conducted on January 18, 2005. Other contamination caused by Oceana Salvage was reported in 1997, as shown in the enclosed letter.

A field investigation of the dirt and gravel access road, which crosses Navy property from Oceana Boulevard to the junkyard, was conducted in order to confirm the presence of battery casings reportedly buried beneath the road perhaps as many as 60 years ago, according to information provided to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) by the now deceased Mr. Rodney M. Malbon, Jr., the prior owner of Oceana Salvage. The extent of contamination discovered beneath the road has not been delineated and impacts to adjacent wetlands, if any, have not yet been determined. Further investigation will be required to evaluate the nature and extent of contamination.

By copy of this letter, the VDEQ is being informed of the test results. The Department issued consent orders to Oceana Salvage in 1997 and 2002 for contamination other than that recently discovered below the access road, but neither of these orders have been complied with, at least insofar as contamination of Navy property is concerned.

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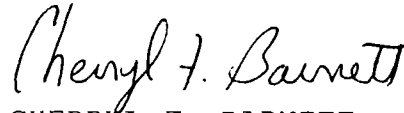


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The foregoing information is provided under the Final Administrative Order on Consent, Docket No. RCRA-III-038-CA. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Lora Fly at (757) 887-4933.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl F. Barnett".

CHERRYL F. BARNETT  
Environmental Director  
By Direction of the Commander

Enclosures (2)

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